

**Flower fairy:**

To make a fairy you will need:

1-14 or 16 mm. round wooden bead  
1 Chenille stem  
1- single petal from cloth flower with hole in middle OR  
3-4 flower petals with holes near the top  
embroidery floss  
Mesh or net 1 ½ inch wide ribbon (cut for wings)  
Extra fine point permanent markers.

Double Chenille stem and put the two ends through the bead leaving a loop sticking up on the top. Cut embroidery floss for hair and pass it through the loop. Pull the pipe cleaner down to secure the hair. Style as desired. (glue recommended) Slide the flower/ flower petals onto the stem to just below the head. Twist one side of the Stem around the other side 5 times to hold up the petal. Cut 3" off the long side of the stem and cut the other side even. Bend up feet. Use the 3" section for arms. Pass through the middle of the wings, and twist around body. Draw a face on the head. Add leaves and ribbons on petals to style the clothing. You have a fairy!!!

**Rocking Unicorn**

To make a rocking unicorn you will need

1-6" cheap white paper plate  
2 horse shapes cut out of white tag board or construction paper  
Aluminum foil  
Double stick tape or glue  
Markers, crayons or glitter pens to decorate.

Fold paper plate in half, curved sides out, cut out middle. Fold a horn from the aluminum foil. Tape or glue the horn to the inside of one horse shape, fasten the other shape on top. Fasten the hooves to the inside curve of the plate, fasten the two sides of the plate together. Rock. Add if you wish a flowing mane and tail of gold or silver yarn or embroidery floss. Color and decorate as desired.

**Crowns**

Take 2" or 3" strips of tag board or construction paper, make a circle to fit child's head.

Style 1. cut points into the top of the crown, tape a strip of aluminum foil around the base of the crown. Add color and jewels as desired.

Style 2. use 2" strips and make circle to fit head. Fold 3" strips of aluminum foil in ½ then in 3rds then in half again until you have a thin fairly strong strip. Fold at 45 degree angles to make points with the strip and tape to the inside of the crown so they stick up. Decorate as desired. Entire crown can be covered with aluminum foil if desired, but markers will not work well. You can curve the strips to make different shapes.

**Princess hats. *Henin***

Tag board cut into  $\frac{1}{4}$  circle 12" on each straight side.

Ribbon or elastic.

Square of gauzy fabric or tulle.

Markers, glitter and "Jewels" to decorate.

Take a  $\frac{1}{4}$  circle 12" on a side and curve into a hat. Staple to hold. Stick the corner, or center of a gauzy piece of fabric in the point and staple. Decorate hat as desired. Punch a hole on each side and tie in ribbon or elastic or string and tie hat on.

**Wings**

Paper for pattern

Small rectangle of cardboard

Long ribbons

Plastic wrap

Tissue paper

Glue

Water

Glitter

Warning, there is drying time needed for this project.

Cut out two large and two smaller wing shapes. Place the plastic wrap over the shapes.

Rip up two shades of tissue paper and overlap the pieces on the plastic. Cover the wing shapes, including their edges. Mix glue with water so it is runny, paint over all the tissue paper. Press on another layer, then paint with glue, add about 6-7 layers altogether.

Sprinkle top layer of glue with glitter, leave to dry. Peel wings off wrap and lay paper wings on top, draw around the shapes and cut out. Glue or fasten the wings together.

Make 4 holes in the cardboard : : Thread one piece of ribbon in the top and bottom of each set of holes. Attach cardboard to back of wings with ribbons sticking out, tie on the wings. Add shiny stickers if you wish.

**Wings II**

Go to <http://www.monitor.net/~mamazon/wings.html>

This has great instructions, wire and panty hose are involved. (Note I was not talented enough to make this work, proceed at your own peril.

**Build a fairy house**

Check out [www.fairyhouses.com](http://www.fairyhouses.com) and get the book Fairy Houses by Tracy Kane.

Fairy houses must be built of natural materials, bark, branches, grass, sand, dirt, They are best built on site, so you could compile directions and suggestions and send them home, or bring in materials and give the kids a cardboard base to work on. Or if you have outdoor space at the library fairy houses could be built there.

### **Armor - chest**

For each set you will need

2 gallon milk jugs

4 paper fasteners

Scissors

Cut two tall sides off as one piece from each carton, cut the opposite corner for shoulder pieces. Punch holes in the top corners of the front and back pieces, and then in each side of each shoulder piece. Fasten with paper fasteners. Depending on the size person you are working with an piece placed between the front and back plates and the shoulder caps may be necessary. Alternative fastening, tie with grey yarn.

### **Robin Hood's cap**

You will need green felt

Glue

feather

Cut two triangles with a 16 inch base and 9 inch sides

Glue or sew the 9" sides together, let dry, fold up the back brim about 4 inches. Snip 2 tiny slits and stick the feather through them. This style of hat is called a bycocket. This can also be made with brown paper and staples, color it green if you like.

### **Fairy Crown**

4 green or brown pipe cleaners

assorted small fake flowers and leaves

Thin ribbon

Twist two pipe cleaners together into a circle to fit around crafters head. Wind the 3<sup>rd</sup> and fourth around the first two catching the stems of the leaves and flowers as you wind. Wrap ribbons around the back to hang down. More masculine version, leave off the ribbons and use brown pipe cleaners and autumn colored leaves and flowers.

Also an option, use gold/silver pipe cleaners and make Fairy crown, twist two into a circle to fit head then make MMMMM shapes with the other cleaner and fasten to circle. Most kids like this one too.

### **Bibliography**

**Days of Knights and Damsels: an activity guide** Laurie Carlson ISBN 1556522916

**Fairy things to make and Do** Rebecca Gilpin ISBN 0794505767

**The art of Mail Armor: How to make your own**, Mary Brewer ISBN 1581603061/